

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arizona's future prosperity depends upon the long-term health, safety, and well-being of the nearly two million children and teens in our state; and

WHEREAS, drowning is a top cause of injury and death for children and teens in Arizona, affecting not only the victims, but also families, emergency personnel, and our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, child drownings are nearly 100 percent preventable, including drownings which are classified as maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, research-proven strategies can save lives, including constant and capable supervision, restricting access to water, use of life jackets, swimming lessons for adults and children at the appropriate age, rapid emergency response, including CPR, and safe, stable and nurturing relationships and communities to break the cycle of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the problem is just the first step; evidence-based programs to bring these strategies to families is the best way to save lives; and

WHEREAS, during the month of August, Phoenix Children's Hospital, in collaboration with state and local governments, community organizations, and private citizens, will be engaging communities throughout Arizona in a coordinated and comprehensive response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 2017 as

DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all communities and citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to reduce drowning risk, strengthen families, and protect children and teens.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of June in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE